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Port Almanac—February 5.

Sun Rises	6.58 A M
Sun Sets	5 30 P M
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High Water at Southport	10.26 P M
High Water at Wilmington	11.06 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 5.

Meteorological data for yesterday: Temperature: 8 a. m., 34°; 8 p. m., 42°; maximum, 48°; minimum, 34°; mean, 41°. Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .125.

OUTLINES.

Edward Gay White, of Richmond, Va., was found guilty yesterday in the Criminal Court in Baltimore of the larceny of $1,000 from Horatio Dalton Newcombe, of New York. —— Admiral Bunce set sail from Hampton Roads yesterday with his fleet of warships for Charleston, S. C. —— Grain and provision market—fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade. —— A negro at Rockfield, Kentucky, who had written an insulting letter to a white lady, was taken from jail by a mob and lynched. —— Immigration bill considered in the Senate; the House engaged in consideration of bills concerning the District of Columbia. —— Several ladies were arrested by the Spanish authorities at Havana; Consul General Lee insists upon the release of one of them. —— New York markets: Money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent.; last loan at 1½ per cent., closing offered at 1½ per cent. cotton steady; middling 7 5 16c; Southern flour quiet and unchanged—common to fair extra $3 30@3 65; good to choice $3 75@4 05; wheat—spot dull and firm No. 2 red free on board 94½; corn—spot dull and firm; No. 2 30c at elevator and 30c afloat; rosin steady—strained common to good $1 70; spirits turpentine steady at 28½@29c.

The dusky Lil of Hawaii thinks Mr. Cleveland a very nice man. Wonder what she thinks of our American weather.

There is no probability of the Senate Monetary Conference bill passing the House and it is said if it does President Cleveland will veto it.

Hon. Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, has his eye on a seat in the United States Senate, and didn't want to take the chances of being side-tracked by going into the Cabinet.

As Mr. Joseph H. Shoate, of New York, is still in the prime of life and worth $2,000,000 he may give the United States Senatorship another whack and muster more than seven votes.

It is said that 500,000 song birds were killed last year to supply the demand for feathers for women's head gear, and over twice as many other birds that didn't sing but wore the feathers wanted.

Gov. Tanner, of Illinois, is in a nice predicament. He has 15 offices to dispose of, for which there are 3,500 applicants, and every one of them believing he has more claims than the other fellow.

Mr. McKinley denies that he made any suggestions as to limiting the cost of that inauguration ball. He is leaving that matter altogether in the hands of Mark Hanna and other festive youths who are taking an interest in it.

Russia isn't going to consent to the splitting up of Turkey until she gets the 300,000,000 roubles war indemnity which Turkey owes her, and Turkey has a hundred years to pay it. The divide will not take place until Russia is in shape to gobble up all she wants.

On account of not being in good health it is said that Mrs. McKinley will sit in a high chair at State receptions. Some day perhaps some man of original bent of mind will be elected to the Presidency who will sit down on this State reception tomfoolery. The whole business is a stupendous farce.

The National Association of Manufacturers think that the duties imposed "should be as low as is consistent with adequate protection to American industries." Now if they would tell us what they mean by "adequate protection," they would confer a favor. They have now an average of about 45 per cent.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention is called to the following REDUCED RATES of Subscription to THE MORNING STAR:

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Three "	1.25
Two "	1.00
One "	50

TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

The STAR will be delivered by carrier at any point in the city at 12 cents per week, or 45 cents per month.

Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, who will succeed Hon. J. Sterling Morton as Secretary of Agriculture, is said to be a practical farmer. He will not be likely to devote as much attention to "pot metal" literature, &c., as Mr. Morton did, who, outside of his determination to teach the farmers of the country something they didn't know about money and convince them that they were prosperous, filled his office very well.

Frank Butler, who had murdered fourteen men in Australia, was arrested on his arrival at San Francisco last Tuesday. He advertised for partners to prospect in a rich gold district, and thus lured men out and murdered them for the money they might have. He always made his victims dig their own graves by leading them to believe there was gold where they were digging.

The New York *Advertiser* encourages the 21,749 Irish immigrants who landed in this country last year with the assurance that if they remain with us and are patient "the majority of them will wear diamonds." And it might have added gold plugs in their teeth, and all the real estate they could use when they die.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

MERCER & EVANS—Dollar window.
OPERA HOUSE—Sisson's Comedy Co.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

FOR RENT—Large front room.
A. E REVILLE—Don't fail to see me.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Miss Annie Taylor is visiting friends and relative in Fayetteville.

— Mr. C. A. Palmer, of Cheraw, S. C., was registered here yesterday.

— Mr. R. W. Cowan, of Burgaw, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. D. E. Allen, of Charlotte, was one of yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Police Officer Carney, who has been sick for the past week, is again able to be out.

— Mr. Benjamin Weatherford left yesterday for Florence, S. C., to attend the funeral of his father.

— Mr. L. W. Warrock, of Burgaw, is in the city on business for the *Pender Star*, with which he is connected.

— Mr. H. W. B. Glover, of Portsmouth, Traffic Manager for the Seaboard Line, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mrs. Walter Kingsbury and daughter, who have been visiting relatives in Winston, returned home last evening.

— Mr. Walter G. Croom, of Burgaw, arrived in the city last evening and will accept a position as salesman with Messrs. J. L. Croom & Co.

— Rev. J. W. Kramer and wife left yesterday for Florence, S. C., to attend the funeral of Mr. C. K. Weatherford, Mrs. Kramer's father.

—Col. D. P. Heap went down yesterday on the U. S. Government boat, the *George Thom*, to inspect government work going on at Fort Caswell.

— Miss Kenan will return home from Raleigh on Saturday afternoon to sing in the "Scottish Reformation," where she will render a solo in her usual acceptable manner.

— Mr. W. G. Pilkinton, of Richmond, Va., a very clever travelling salesman representing Lorillard's Snuff Company, arrived in the city last night and met several old friends who were glad to give him the grip.

— Among the arrivals in the city yesterday were Mr. R. W. Ravenbark, South Washington; Mr. D. E. Sandlin, Richlands; Mr. D. H. Harnly, Chadbourn; Mr. S. D. Bradford, Southport; Mr. T. P. Sidbury, Rocky Point; Mr. George E. Reed, Goldsboro.

Marriage Wednesday Night.

Mr. W. H. Sholar was married to Miss Amelia Cornwall at 8.30 o'clock Wednesday evening. The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. J. W. Fleet, on the corner of Fifth and Nun streets, and was performed by Rev. F. N. Skinner. After the ceremony a reception was held and refreshments served.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents tf

Visit C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s to-day and see what discount they are offering for cash. Bargain Day. †

☞Bargain Day to-day at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. †

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The Board of Aldermen will meet to-night at 8 o'clock.

— Peanuts brought a good price yesterday, 70 cents per bushel being paid for fancy grades.

— A colored man who let eggs go at 10 cents a dozen yesterday at the foot of Princess street had all the customers he wanted.

— At a meeting of the Governing Board of the Carolina Yacht Club held yesterday, Mr. J. V. B. Metts was elected purser in place of Mr. W. H. Quince, resigned.

— A letter received in the city yesterday stated that Representative David B. Sutton, of New Hanover county, has left Raleigh to attend the bedside of his brother, in Bladen county, who is very ill.

— The marriage of Mr. Jno A. Narron, of Smithfield, to Miss Hattie McIntyre, of Fontcol, Richmond county, is announced to take place at the home of the bride's at 8.30 o'clock Thursday evening, February 18th.

— It is important that city subscribers notify us of all failures of carriers to delivers their papers. Call at or send a postal to the STAR office whenever you miss your paper. Carriers who do not attend to their duties will be promptly discharged.

— Mr. C. Jellison, representing the Kimball Piano Company, will make his headquarters in the store on Market street, formerly occupied by Mr. H. Burkheimer as a shoe store. The building is undergoing some repairs. Mr. Jellison will be ready for his customers to-morrow.

— The south bound passenger train on the W., N & N. Railroad yesterday ran into a cart belonging to Mr. R. K. Bryan, on a crossing about half a mile north of Scott's Hill, tearing the cart all to pieces, but fortunately not hurting the mule or driver.—Newbern *Journal* of February 4th.

— The sentence of J. R. Hicks, alias R. F. Lee, the white man convicted of passing bogus checks in this city at the last term of the Superior Court has been commuted from five years to eighteen months' imprisonment in the State penitentiary. Deputy Sheriff W. W. King carried Hicks to Raleigh last Monday.

— The STAR calls attention to the advertisement of Mr. A. E. Reville, which appears in another column. Mr. Reville has been engaged in the sale of musical instruments for many years, and therefore has a wide experience which he places at the disposal of the people of Wilmington. His store is conveniently located, well fitted up and the public will find him ready and anxious to give entire satisfaction.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—102 bales cotton, 21 bbls rosin, 2 bbls tar.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—163 bales cotton, 13 casks spirits turpentine, 128 bbls rosin, 85 bbls tar.

Carolina Central R. R.—31 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—6 bales cotton, 29 casks spirits turpentine, 104 bbls rosin.

Steamer Driver—31 bbls rosin, 64 bbls tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—114 bbls rosin, 7 bbls tar.

Schooner Argyle—16 bales cotton, 47 bbls rosin.

Total receipts—Cotton, 318 bales; spirits turpentine, 45 casks; rosin, 445 bbls; tar, 158 bbls.

Reunion of Confederate Veterans.

The date of the reunion of the Confederate Veterans at Nashville, Tenn., has been changed to June 22 23 and 24, 1897. It will be at the time of the holding of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition and it is believed that the railroads will give the very lowest rates to the old soldiers. Gen. DeRosset, commanding the North Carolina Division of the United Confederate Veterans is trying to interest the old survivors in this reunion, and confidently expects a large number to attend. Col. W. J. Woodward, of this city, Chief Quartermaster North Carolina Division, will be prepaid to give all necessary information as transportation, etc., at any early day.

Order of Chosen Friends.

At the regular meeting of Wilmington Council No. 19, held Wednesday night, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year by Provisional Grand Councilor, Rev. S. Mendelsohn, D. D.:

P. C., C. D. Morrell; Councillor, Dr. S. P. Wright; V. C., H. D. Burkheimer; Secretary; H. C. Turning; Treasurer, P. V. Anderson; Instructor, J. G. Lewis; Prelate, J. H. Kelly; Marshal, W. B. Clark; Warden, W. H. Humphreys; Guard, J. D. Briggs; Trustees, Dr. S. P. Wright, I. M. Bear, William Struthers and W. J. Kirkham.

Quite a number were present to witness these imposing ceremonies.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

To-day is Bargain Day at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. They offer as bargains a special discount on all cash sales. Be sure to visit them. †

Spend your cash to-day with C. W. Polvogt & Co. and get a discount on your purchases. It is their Bargain Day. †

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ARRANGEMENT FOR THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Wilmington to Be Represented at the Tennessee Exposition—The Teachers' Assembly Will Meet Here If Hotel Accommodations Are Provided.

The Chamber of Commerce met in regular monthly session yesterday afternoon, President Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., presiding and Col. Jno. L. Cantwell secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion, Mr. T. C. James was elected a member of the Chamber.

Mr. J. B. Mercer, of the Southern Baptist Convention committee, reported progress.

On motion of Mr. A. G. Howell, Jr., the rooms of the Chamber were tendered as a meeting place to the central committee, composed of the Baptist ministers of this city, until after the convention.

Col. F. W. Kerchner, of the pilotage committee, reported that the committee had held several meetings; that a bill had been formulated, sent to Raleigh at the expense of the pilots, and that the committees from the House of Representatives and Senate had reported favorably on it. This bill makes a reduction of 25 per cent. on the pilotage of coatwise vessels.

There being no further business for the committee, they were discharged with the thanks of the Chamber.

A letter was read from the Produce Exchange, inviting the Chamber to meet with them Wednesday, February 10th, to take action over the retirement from active service of Gen. Wm. Price Craighill, Chief of the Engineer's Corps of the United States.

On motion of Mr. T. D. Meares, the invitation was accepted, and the Secretary was instructed to notify the members of the Chamber to be present on the day named.

On motion of Col. F. W. Kerchner, the Chamber extended the use of their rooms to the Produce Exchange, for February 10th.

Mr. T. D. Meares read a letter from Mr. John T. Patrick, chief industrial agent of the S. A. L., in which Mr. Patrick stated that he was glad to hear of the action the Chamber had taken in regard to advertising Wilmington at the Nashville, Tenn., Exposition, and that he (Patrick) was always willing to do anything for the success of Wilmington.

A telegram from Raleigh was read, which stated that the Teacher's Assembly committee would meet in that city to-night to select a place to hold their annual meeting and if Wilmington only had a hotel large enough at Ocean View to accommodate the assemblage, the meeting would be held there.

On motion of Mr. Frank Huggins Mr. T. D. Meares was requested to telegraph to Raleigh and invite the assembly to meet in this city.

On motion of Mr. T. F. Bagley the telegram received was ordered sent to the Beach Hotel Committee.

The secretary read the following from the STAR of January 29th, taken from the Charlotte *Observer*:

"Mr. Frank A. Heywood, editor of the *Southern Progress*, Woodbury, N. C., is in the city to announce a visit to Charlotte of 200 New Jersey editors, who will come on a special train tendered them by the Seaboard Air Line, March 31st. Mr. Heywood organized the parties of New England editors who visited Virginia in 1890 and who, with their friends, afterwards invested $3,000,000 there. He also secured the enormous investments recently made in Florida, Virginia and Georgia by D. L. Risley, the millionaire town-builder, of Philadelphia. The editors will visit Norfolk, Portsmouth, Charlotte Southern Pines and Raleigh, coming to Charlotte direct from Portsmouth."

Mr. A. J. Howell, Jr., moved that a special committee be appointed to extend the courtesy of Wilmington to the body of editors and invite them to visit our city.

Mr. Howell's motion was carried, and the President appointed on the committee Col. F. W. Kerchner, Mr. A. J. Howell, Jr., Mr Samuel Northrop, Mr. T. W. Clawson, of the *Messenger*, and Mr. Jas. H. Cowan, of the STAR.

A letter from the North Carolina Baptist Publishing Company was read, stating that the company proposed to issue a paper, daily, during the Baptist Convention, in this city, and asking that the Chamber of Commerce appropriate a certain amount of money to advertise Wilmington in the paper.

The letter was turned over to the Baptist Convention Committee, to report at the next meeting.

Mr. H. G Smallbones read a communication in regard to getting the port of Southport replaced in the Tide Table Book published by the United States. The writer advised the Chamber to communicate with the State Congressmen.

Mr. Frank Huggins, of the Nixon Street Improvement Committee, reported progress.

The Chamber about 4.45 o'clock adjourned.

At the Opera House.

Again last night we had the pleasure of spending two hours and a half very pleasantly, for the Sisson Comedy Company held the boards, and the time the curtain went up on the first act until it dropped on the last, the audience was kept in a continuous roar. Mr. Jas. A. Kerr, as *Josiah Snelling*, was bang-up, and would make a farmer scratch the little bunch of whiskers on his chin to know whether he was a hayseed or not. The pretty Miss Wallace, as *Chissy*, was still as vivacious and cunning as usual, in fact, the whole company still toe the mark.

To-night, by special request, they will present "The Colonel." Tickets on sale at Mr. H. J. Gerken's. Admission 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Do you need a dress, carpet or blanket? If so, buy it of C. W. Polvogt & Co., who offer a special discount to-day—Bargain Day. †

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

Annual Meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Building Yesterday Afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Associated Charities was called to order by the president, Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, in the Y. M. C. A. building, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The report of the Board of Directors was read by Rev. W. S. Cunninggim.

Rev. Dr. Robert Strange submitted his report as presented.

Col. Roger Moore read the report of the secretary, Miss Carrie L. Price, which, together with the report of the treasurer, Mr. P. B. Manning, read in his absence by Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn, is printed in full below.

REPORT OF SECRETARY FROM JAN. 1ST, 1896, TO JAN. 1ST, 1897.

Number of superintendents, 15; number of visitors, 30; number of beneficiaries who have been and are still receiving aid monthly, 79; number who received aid for several months but who are no longer assisted, 85; number receiving aid intermittently, 89. Of this number fifty-eight have been assisted only once. Number receiving wood only, 36. Total, 239. Number wood tickets issued, 743; families receiving aid, both parents living, 85; widows, 131; deserted or separated wives, 7; widowers, old or afflicted, 5; single men, blind or incapacitated for work, 2; neglected children, 3.

Chief causes of need—Sickness, no male support, large families, lack or uncertainty of employment.

Supplies given are groceries, wood, shoes and clothing.

Shoes have been contributed by several of the shoes dealers. Wood has been given by mill men, wood dealers and individuals. Numerous articles of clothing have been sent by the ladies of the "Jewish Sewing Society;" the "Junior Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary" of St. James church; the "Dorcas Society," Jasper Stone; "A Circle of Six;" and there have been donations of second-hand clothing from many individuals. Transportation has been furnished nineteen persons. Nourishment and ice have been furnished in many cases for the sick. The association has assisted in the burial of two adults and one child.

The office has been open every week day, except about threeks in September, when a vacation was given the secretary, we having made arrangements for regular applicants before leaving the city.

Every case applying for aid is assisted unless upon investigation it is deemed unworthy.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand January 1, 1897, $133 32, New Hanover county, 1 500 00. contributions from churches, 313 64; contributions from individuals, 932 07. Total, $2 879 03.

Disbursements—Secretary's salary, $300.00. Old Ladies' Home, 150 00; support of orphans, 60 00; groceries, 1,779 29; wood, 87 35; rent, 63 25, railroad fares, 50 25, cash help, 58.95; sick milk, etc., 5 55; sundries, 9 85; collecting subscriptions, 8.75; janitor, 24.25; repairs, postage, etc., at the office, 9 85; Penny Provident Savings Bank, 25.95; burials, 13 00; printing, 14 65; loan to Mr. Rice, 25.00; balance December 31, 1896, 194 09. Total, $2 879 03.

Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, Mr. T. C. Diggs, and Col. Roger Moore were appointed a committee to nominate five directors, the terms of that number of directors having expired. The committee recommended the following gentlemen: Rev. Dr. Robert Strange, Rev. C. Dennen, Dr. S. P. Wright, and Mr. P. B. Manning, Mr. Walter G. McRae.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE SCOTTISH REFORMATION

Next Monday and Tuesday Evenings at 8 P. M. at the Opera House.

Never has there been harder or more earnest work done than is being done at the rehearsals for this entertainment. The parts are now all assigned and are well taken. Mr. Chas. H. Robinson in his rehearsal was exceedingly admired by the class. He shows by his personation of John Knox what a brave, true man may accomplish.

Miss Margaret Gibson is very fine in her conception of Queen Mary's actions toward the great reformer.

The three military details were present, giving a precision to the rehearsals that can only be done by military men.

The committee are delighted at the progress of the work and feel sure when Mrs. Monroe arrives to-morrow that everything will be in readiness for the first exhibition on Monday evening.

THE LATE W. M. M'DIARMID.

Robeson County Loses One of Its Most Valued Citizens.

The tidings conveyed in the following letter will bring sadness to many hearts in this city. Certainly every member of the editorial fraternity, not only in Wilmington, but all over the State as well, will feel a sense of personal bereavement in the death of Mr. McDiarmid. He ranked among the first of North Carolina editors and his writings were but a reflection of the genial, kindly nature of the writer. At the funeral, which takes place to-day, a eulogy will be delivered by Mr J. P. Gibson, of the Bennettsville *Advocate*.

EDITOR STAR—Mr. Wallace McDiarmid, for years editor and proprietor of the *Robesonian*, died at his home in this town this morning at 1 o'clock, after a few days' illness, of pneumonia. The whole community is shocked, for in the death of Mr. McDiarmid Robeson county loses one of her noblest citizens.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Wilmington post-office February 5, 1897:

LADIES' LIST.

B—Mrs Annie Bethea. D—Mrs Betsy Drake. H—Mrs Margaret Hall, Mrs Mattie Howel. J—Miss Josephine Jarman, Miss Lillie Jones. L—Mrs Mary Lewis. W—Miss Hattie Wilson, Miss Mamie Woodard.

MEN'S LIST.

C—T O B & Co, A R Campbell. H—E T Hooper, E J Howe. J—J E Johnson K D Johnson. K—Eugene King, J W Kelly. M—Jos F Moore, Kora Marick. R—C M Russell. S—A E Swindle, C P Stacy, C H Smith. T—James Townsend. W—F E Wood, Geo H Williams, Millard Waller.

FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

N W Richards.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days, they will be sent to the dead letter office.

GEO. L. MORTON, Postmaster.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THE MECKLENBURG CONTESTED ELECTION CASE.

Bills Introduced in Regard to the Code Commission—For the Protection of Railway Passengers—To Create the Office of State Printer, Etc.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 4—The Committee on Elections submitted a report in the Mecklenburg contest in favor of seating Clanton and Williamson, the contestants. Mr. Duffy submitted a minority report in favor of Reed and Ransom, Democrats.

Bills were introduced in the House as follows: To protect insect-eating birds; providing that the presiding officer appoint a special committee of three to which all bills relative to the Code Commission be referred; resolution to request the bursar of University to report as required by law; to provide for and promote the oyster industry of North Carolina; to prevent running at large of live stock in Cross Creek township, Cumberland; to amend the charter of Columbus Company; to repeal charter of Jamesville & Washington Railway.

The bill to protect the lives of railway passengers provides that any person who places any obstruction on a railway track with the intention to wreck or damage a train, upon conviction, will be imprisoned in the penitentiary for life If loss of life results the guilty party shall suffer death. Any person who makes an attempt is to be imprisoned not less than five nor more than thirty years.

Cook opened the argument in the Mecklenburg contest case. Both sides were allowed an hour and a half. Duffy, Reed and Ransom spoke for the minority report. Blackburn and Cook spoke against it. The vote to adopt the minority report was, yeas 32, nays 72. The majority report was adopted by a vote of 71 to 32. Clanton and Williamson came forward and were administered the oaths of office by the Speaker.

Bill were introduced in the Senate as follows: To create the office of State Printer; to establish and incorporate the State Vertinary Association; to regulate the practice of medicine; in regard to bicycles as baggage on railroads; relating to pay of jurors; to amend the] law relating to divorces, providing that the party who desires divorce must be a resident of the State for seven years before applying for same; to regulate the sale of fertilizers in this State; to investigate the complaint of Mrs. Pattie D. B. Arrington.

Senator Maxwell presented a memorial from Mrs. Pattie Arrington, alleging that she had for twenty years persistently sought her rights in the courts of the State but had been defeated and defrauded by perjury of witnesses and wrong and fraudulent doings of clerks of courts and attorneys, and she asked relief from the General Assembly.

The following bills passed third reading—To allow commissioners of Robeson to levy a special tax; to extend the stock law in Wayne; to exempt funeral directors from jury duty; to pay venires in capital cases one dollar a day, milage not included.

The following bills were tabled—To regulate term of office of magistrates in Bladen; relating to corporations; to enforce ordinances in towns and cities; to establish scales of fees for registers of deeds; to prvent discrimination against different kinds of money, authorizing county commissioners to appoint time and places for sale of property under process of law; to pension all ex slaves who served in the Confederate army; to prevent the penitentiary from hiring out convicts in competition with free labor; to amend the homestead law; to make witness tickets negotiable; to increase the public school fund and extend time of teaching.

COMPROMISED.

The Libel Suit Against the Wilmington Messenger.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

CLINTON, N. C., Feb. 4.—The action for libel brought by B. R. Butler against Jackson & Bell, Proprietors of the Wilmington *Messenger*, asking damages in the amount of ten thousand dollars, was to-day compromised by payment to the plaintiff of four hundred dollars and costs. The libel complained of was the publication by the *Messenger* of an item erroneously implicating the plaintiff in the Roseboro Express robbery of December, 1895 The plaintiff at the time of the robbery was in Robeson county. The plaintiff was represented by Lee and Butler and Cooper and Fowler, and the defendants by Bellamy & Bellamy and J D Kerr.

FROM MOUNT OLIVE.

Marriage of Mr. D. F. Nicholson and Miss Mabel Kelly.

[*Star Correspondence.*]

MOUNT OLIVE, Feb. 4.—Not often do the people of our little town have the pleasure of witnessing such a lovely scene as was displayed in the Baptist church last Wednesday evening when Mr. David Flowers Nicholson and Miss Mabel Kelly were made husband and wife. The church was beautifully decorated and when the audience had gathered at 6.30 Miss Willie Fitts sang "Oh, Promise Me." Then as Mrs. Cohen played Mendelsohn's Wedding March the bridal party entered, as follows: Two little flower girls, Kate Tatum and Mary Lou Oliver. The ushers, Dr. L. P. Aaron and Mr. Louis Cohen, came next, followed by Miss Fannie Lambert with Mr. M. T. Breazeale. Then the bride, tastily dressed in dark blue with yellow and carrying a bunch of Japanicas, came in with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Harrell, and was met at the altar by the groom with Mr. Walter Kelly, of Wilmington, as best man. After the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. B. Harrell, of Wilmington, the party, with a few friends, were given a reception by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Oliver, at whose home Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson will reside. The groom is principal of our high school and the bride is the fourth daughter of our townsman, Mr. I. J. Kelly. May good luck attend them through this entire journey, of which February 3, 1897, is the beginning.

THE MORNING STAR.

Are you a subscriber to THE MORNING STAR? If not, why not?

Do you want a first-class daily paper at $5.00 per year, or $1.25 for three months? If so, subscribe to THE MORNING STAR.

Do you want a paper that prints the latest telegraphic news, the best local news, reliable market reports, excellent short stories, and the choicest miscellaneous matter? If so, subscribe to THE MORNING STAR.

Do not forget that THE MORNING STAR is the cheapest daily of its class in North Carolina. Its price is $5.00, while the published price of others ranges from $7.00 to $8.00.

EX-SHERIFF SMITH,

Of Cumberland—Fully Exonerated by a Committee of Investigation.

[*Star Correspondence.*]

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 4.—It is with peculiar pleasure that we record the result of the investigation of the account between ex-Sheriff J. B. Smith and the county of Cumberland. This matter was in the hands of a special committee of Democrats in 1896, which committee found Sheriff Smith indebted to the county in the sum of $900. The sheriff made a deposit to cover the indebtedness, but denied the accuracy of the account and demanded an examination of the account from the date on which he entered the office in 1890. By order of the Board of County Commissioners—composed entirely of Populists and Republicans—a new committee was appointed, Mr. Z. B. Newton, a lawyer of ability, being chairman; said committee made a thorough examination of the accounts and made their report to the Board of Commissioners, which met in regular session last Monday. The committee found that, instead of Sheriff Smith being indebted to the county in the sum of $900, the county was indebted to him in the sum of $1,509. The report of the committee was adopted, and an order issued for the payment of the amount to Sheriff Smith, and the refunding to him of the amount deposited to cover the finding of the first committee. Sheriff Smith has been receiving the congratulations of his friends. The sheriff is an exceedingly popular citizen, and his service as sheriff of the county was entirely satisfactory to the voters of the county for five consecutive years. But for the changes brought about by the origin of the Populist party, he would be in office to day; but the Republicans and Populists combined, having a very large majority in the county, and Sheriff Smith being a Democrat of the straitest sect, he belongs to the minority.

Yours truly,
H. EYE.

Meeting of the Benevolent Society.

The quarterly meeting of the Benevolent Society, which was postponed on account of the inclement weather, will be held this (Friday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in the Y. M. C. A. building.

All members of this society are urged to attend this morning as it is one of importance. The quarterly meetings are open to the public, but the members (not simply the Board of Managers) are all expected to be present.

Burgaw Items.

The crate factory of Mr. W. T. Bannerman resumed operations day before yesterday. The capacity of the factory is 200 crates per day. Other preparations for the strawberry crop are being made.

A new parsonage for the use of Rev. D. A. Furtrell, the recently appointed Methodist pastor, has just been completed. He moved in to-day and received a "pounding."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Executor's Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS EXECUTRIX OF the last will and testament of Stacy VanAmringe, deceased, on the 8th day of January, 1897, I hereby notify all persons indebted to my said testator to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom he was indebted to present their claims to me on or before the 22nd day of January, 1898, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. This the 21st day of January, 1897.

MARY F. VANAMRINGE, Executrix.
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Madame Amae,

SPIRITUAL MEDIUM, REVEALS THE past, present and future. If you are in trouble, either business, love or domestic, it will be to your advantage to consult her. Mme Amae can be found at No 312 Chestnut street, between Third and Fourth.
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OPERA HOUSE.
TO-NIGHT
Oscar P. Sisson's Comedy Co.
In the roaring three act comedy,
"THE COLONEL."
Popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cts.
Seats can be obtained at Gerkens'.
Matinee to-morrow afternoon.
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THE SCOTTISH REFORMATION.
OPERA HOUSE,
—NEXT—
Monday and Tuesday Evenings at 8 P. M.
Grand Historical Entertainment by
Mrs. H. E. Monroe,
for the benefit of Westminster League of First Presbyterian Church.
One hundred and fifty of Wilmington people in the cast.
Tickets 50 cents, with privilege of reserve seats; Children 25 cents.
Reserve seats for sale at Gerkens'.
Chart open on and after Friday, February 5, 9 a. m.
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Cash Paid
—FOR—
Beeswax.
If you have some to sell ship it to us and we will allow you
26 CENTS PER POUND
for it in Boston and no charge for commission or for carting. References all through the South if required.
W. H. BOWDLEAR & CO.,
Boston, Mass.,
dec 22 3m Office and Warehouse 149 Pearl street.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Twenty Items of Interest
TO YOU AT
C. W. POLVOGT & CO.S,
N. 9 North Front Street,

DryGoods
—AND—
CARPETS.

1st. We have the sole agency for Butterick Patterns.
2nd. We have the best $1.00 Kid Gloves in the City.
3rd. We have Ladies' Hermsdorf Dyed Hosiery in all grades.
4th. We have Keyer's Doubled Fingered Tipped Gloves.
5th. We have just received our New Spring Embroideries.
6th. We have the sole agency for the W. B. Corset.
7th. We have the largest stock of Carpets and Rugs.
8th. We have Long Cloth in pieces and cut lengths.
9th. We have received the handsomest Laces ever shown here.
10th. We have about 25 Baby Carriages to sell cheap
11th. We have cut the prices on all our Blankets to cost.
12th. We have the largest Window Shades stock in the State.
13th We have polite salespeople to attend your wants.
14th. We have a 75c Storm Serge for 39c per yard.
15th. We have all shades of Satin and Indian Silks.
16th. We have a large stock of Blankets with low prices.
17th. We have a full assortment of Chiffons in all shades.
18th. We have marked our Jackets below cost to close out.
19th. We have a good Gauntlet Kid Glove for 50c.
20th. We have received our new Spring Mattings.

We will take our inventory February 1st, and in order to have our stock reduced we will offer special inducements this week. Visit us, it will pay you.

C. W. POLVOGT & CO.
jan 24 tf

The "Dollar for Choice Window"
Is still on exhibition. We invite you to look at it. Then walk inside and look. If then you do not see just what is wanted kindly ask for it. We will do our best to please every one.
Buyers will do well to keep an eye on our window from week to week.
Respectfully,
MERCER & EVANS.
feb 5 tf

SEASONABLE GOODS.
Jute Bagging,
Arrow Ties,
Cheese, Crackers, Cakes, Salmon, Sardines, Oysters.
Full and complete stock of
HEAVY AND FANCY GROCERIES.
LOWEST CASH PRICES.
Don t fail to see us before buying
WORTH & WORTH.
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Good Luck
Baking Powder.
25 Cases Lots Good Luck.
Regular price, less 14 per cent freight prepaid if you order from
W. B. COOPER,
feb 4 tf D&W Wilmington, N. C.

Tar, Honey and Rum
COMPOUND,
A purely old fashion, home-made
COUGH REMEDY.
No Opiates of any kind.
Pure, harmless, effective. Can be given with perfect safety to the youngest and the oldest. Pronounced by the pulpit, the press, and the public to be the greatest Cough Syrup on earth. Made under the personal supervision of
JAMES D. NUTT, Pharmacist,
feb 4 tf Wilmington, N. C.

The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 5, 1897

AS A NORTHERN EDITOR SEES IT.

We have trade and industrial journals in the South whose special business it is to keep up with the progress and industrial movement for the information of those who may be interested in this section and desirous of being informed on what is going on in the way of development. These papers are alert and let very little that is worth recording escape them. As a general thing they are conducted with ability, some of them with conspicuous ability, and they know how to put such facts as they possess in good shape as attractive advertisements for the South.

But some of the best advertisements the South has ever received have come from Northern papers which have a very limited circulation if any in the South, and are in no way identified with or dependent upon it for patronage. This makes their commendation the more effective and valuable, because they cannot be suspected of sectional partiality, nor of seeking their own profit by flattering the section in which they find and expect to find patronage, and because these Northern papers circulate chiefly among the people that the South wants to reach, and who are anxious, perhaps, to learn something about it from a disinterested source on which they can implicitly rely. Some of the papers in Boston, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and other cities, have done much to turn attention Southward, and we have no doubt that much of the immigration to the South and much of the Northern capital invested was started in this direction as a result of the investigations prompted by these articles in those papers.

We have heretofore quoted extracts from some of these as they appeared. One of the papers which has been conspicuously friendly to the South is the Philadelphia *Times*, edited by Col. McClure, who has for years been a steadfast believer in the South's great future. It has published much valuable information about the resources and progress of this section, all the more remarkable, effective and gratifying because it is published in a State of which the South is to some extent a competer in one of its chief industries—iron manufacturing—and therefore the testimony may in some respects be considered as the testimony of a rival, but of one big brained enough to grasp the facts and broad minded and candid enough not only to admit them, but to give them conspicuous prominence. The following editorial, under the heading of "Prosperity Moving Southward," we clip from the *Times* of Tuesday last:

> "Slavery limited the South to one vocation, agriculture, and the war and emancipation impoverished the planters of that section. With the close of the war the South was bankrupt, its credit destroyed, its plantations fenceless; often without buildings, and invariably without a working force. Slavery had rendered all other forms of industrial development in the South impossible, and the war instigated by slavery not only wiped out slavery, but ruined the single industry to which slavery had limited the country.
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> "The war did not destroy any of the great natural wealth of this section, however, and with slavery out of the way, it became possible to open the coal mines of the South, establish blast furnaces to manufacture Southern ore into pig iron, build factories to manufacture Southern cotton and to turn the South's immense forests of valuable timber into merchantable lumber. There were knotty social, political and economic questions to be solved, requiring some time, of course, but these are in gradual process of solution, and it has come to pass that within thirty years of the close of the war, the South has not only been recognized as the most inviting field for the investment of capital in industrial development, but that in a period of great industrial depression it is the one section that is making progress all the time.
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> "Two statistical reports out of many are worth quoting in proof of this fact. The production of pig iron for 1896 in the United States was 8 623 127 tons, a decrease of 823,181 tons from the year 1895. Of this amount the South, in which there was scarcely a blast furnace at the close of the war, produced 1 834,451 tons, an increase of 182 000 tons over 1895. The whole country showed a heavy decline in pig iron production for the year, but the South made a distinct gain. The bank clearings tell the same story. The clearings of the second week in January in the whole South, as compared with the corresponding week one year ago, show a gain of 6 per cent., while the Middle States show a decrease of 2½, the Middle Western a decrease of nearly 11¼ and the Pacific States a decrease of 5½ per cent. Only New England of the entire North showed any increase at all, and its increase was less than that of the South.
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> "In spite of past misfortunes and mistakes and of the folly of its present political leadership, which is doing what it can to destroy all business confidence, the great natural wealth of the South which was left untouched during slavery days is forcing that section to the front as the one place that prospers in bad times as well as in good. These figures are well worth the careful consideration of Northern capitalists seeking new investments."

In view of the fact that Col. McClure is a Northern man and an uncompromising advocate of the gold standard, we can overlook his reference in the introductory paragraph to "slavery instigating the war," and to "the folly of present political leadership" in the concluding paragraph, by which he doubtless means the advocacy of free silver. With these exceptions the article is such a pertinent and clever tribute to the South's progress and the success she has met in overcoming obstacles that might be considered by a less nervy and resourceful people insurmountable, that we reproduce it as a valued testimonial from an impartial and prized source.

And yet all this has been accomplished, all this progress made, with a volume of money totally inadequate to the demands of Southern business or Southern development, because of the monetary system which centralized the currency of the country and prevented the equable distribution that should obtain. When that system is reformed so that one section cannot monopolize the money supply as it does now and has done for years the South will bound forward and by her progress soon eclipse the record of her grandest industrial achievement.

MINOR MENTION.

The indications are quite apparent that this Legislature will not permit the construction of any railroad that parallels any road in which the State has an interest, and hence the bill introduced by Mr. Pearson, making it unlawful for any company to lease a competing road or to construct a parallel road with a view to competition, and the bill by Mr. Hancock to annul the charter for a road from Goldsboro to Morehead. While the former of these is general in its sweep and application its objective aim at present is the Southern road, which had been threatening to build a road parallel to the North Carolina, in the event it couldn't hold the lease. This was one of the threats by which it scared stockholders and secured the lease originally, and used again when the application was made for a renewal, running ninety-nine years, which was practically equivalent to a sale, on payment of 6 per cent. annually on the $4,000,000 capital invested. The other is to protect the A. & N. C. road, in which the State also has an interest. There is no question that the State should take reasonable care of these properties, but it may well be questioned whether to protect her interest in these a policy should be adopted that will prohibit the building of other roads which as highways of traffic and interest developers may prove much more valuable than the lines that their building might somewhat interfere with. This parallel clause may stretch to embrace territory a hundred miles wide and would practically prevent the building of any road running through the State East and West, but, whether or not, it is a narrow non progressive policy and in the long run will be paying entirely too much to save the stake the State holds in the roads in which she has an interest. It is more and not fewer roads the State needs, and instead of putting obstructions in the way of building them they should be encouraged.

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Judging from the petitions in circulation in some counties for the establishment of liquor dispensaries, for which bills, following the example of Wayne county, will, doubtless, be introduced in the legislation, the dispensary seems to be growing in favor in this State. It has been in operation for a year or more in Haywood county, where it appears to have given satisfaction, which has probably encouraged the movements to give it a trial in other counties. If the system is to be tried at all, this is a good way to do it in limited territory, and by degrees, thus testing its merits and at the same time avoiding the friction that might result from a sweeping act which would cover the State, as in the case of South Carolina, where the change was so sudden from the old to the new method, the people found it difficult to adapt themselves to it without much jarring and clashing between them and those entrusted with the establishment of the dispensaries and the enforcement of the law. We anticipate little trouble of the kind in this State, where the law will be only local in its application, and where there is already more or less popular sentiment in its favor, and where it will be doubtless be given a fair test to see what there may be in it.

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Hon. Marion Butler hasn't speech enough in his vocabulary nor in the unabridged lexicon he uses to express his contempt for the fellows who scaled his fence to get a pull at the crib on the other side; but Hon. Marion should be charitable if not considerate, and remember the time not so far off as to be dimmed by distance when he too was very hungry, would have climbed a very high fence, and turned a summerset from the rider to get on the side where the provender protruded. Hon. Marion struck a good fat corner, good for four years more, on to which he proposes to hold for many years, unless somebody about the size and build of Harry Skinner jumps on him and breaks his grip. It is real unkind in him to be saying unpleasant and spiteful things about his late party associates who happen to be hungry, and upbraiding them with a weakness for pap while he is getting fat and saucy on the soft snap that he captured.

Now that H. Skinner and M. Butler have both had their say about each other they doubtless feel relieved of a heavy charge.

Others have found health, vigor and vitality in Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it surely has power to help you also. Why not try it? †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Laurinburg *Exchange*: It is with exceedingly regret that the *Exchange* chronicles the death last Saturday of Mr. Edward McNair; aged 70 years.

— Kinston *Free Press*: Elder W. J. Shipley, accompanied by another elder, arrived in Kinston Saturday. They are "Latter-day Saints," or Mormons, and propose to work in this section. We believe they are the first Mormons to come to Kinston since this writer has been here.

— Elizabeth City *Carolinian*: Notwithstanding the large number of new buildings erected in Elizabeth City, there is a demand for more houses to rent. More new houses are under way, and still more will be needed. Our poulation is continually increasing. We believe that a correct census would show it to be over 7,000.

—Rocky Mount *Phœnix*: We regret to note the death of Mrs. Gavin H. Clark, which sad event occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Campbell, at Washington, D. C., on January 3d, in the 58th year of her age. Mrs. Clark was the daughter of Elijah Hilliard, one of Nash county's most prosperous and highly respected citizens, and Rebecca Powell, a talented and wealthy lady of Wake county. —— We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Mary Powell, aged 86, at the Hammond Hotel, where she was living with her Mrs. T. A. Marriott.

— Charlotte *Observer*: Rev. J. F. Moser, pastor of the Lutheran church at Mt. Holly, died Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, at his home at that place, of pneumonia. —— Mr. E. J. Garrison, of Berryhill, was in town yesterday. He had several bad scratches on his face which he got several afternoons ago with a wild-cat. He went to the woods with his dogs. There he found the wild cat, which attacked him, jumping at him and tearing his face. After a considerable battle the dogs succeeded in killing the animal. He will have the skin dressed.

— Goldsboro *Headlight*: After a lingering illness, Mr. James G. Rhodes departed this life at his home in eastern Goldsboro, Tuesday night at 9 o'clock, in the 42nd year of his age. ——The death of Mr. A. Jas. Summerling occurred of consumption at his home in New Hope township, Friday morning at 4 o'clock, aged 57 years. — After a lingering illness of heart disease, Mr. W. B. Hood, Sr, quietly passed away Monday morning at his home in Grantham township, in his 77th year. —— The sad intelligence reached our countyman, Mr. J. J. Baker, Thursday morning, that his brother, Mr. Henry S. Baker, died at Kinston the previous evening at 5 o'clock, of pneumonia, aged 42 years.

TWINKLINGS.

— "Often," said the Cumminsville sage, "a man gets credit for having sense enough to say nothing when the truth is he hasn't sense enough to say anything. —*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

— "I have discovered why the Greeks were such a happy people."

"Why was it?"

"They didn't have their clothes made to fit."—*Chicago Record.*

— An Inducement—In an advertisement for a young gentleman who left his parents it was stated that "if Master Jacky will return to his disconsolate parents he shall be allowed to sweeten his own tea."—*Tit-Bits.*

— Effie (after witnessing her first christening)—"Mummie do they water them to make them grow?"—*London Pick Me Up.*

— "There are three dead flies in the soup," said a stranger to the waiter in a Dallas restaurant.

"Fur de Lawd sakes! After flies is biled in de soup fur half an hour, yer don't specs 'em er be erlive yit, does yer?"—*Texas Siftings.*

—"Nothing," says Scribbler, "is more disheartening to a man than the discovery that he has married a woman who loves to keep his writing table in order,"—*London Tit-Bits.*

—Capt. Chadman—"Hang it, I wish the papers wouldn't run my whiskers into every story, and I'm so proud of'em." Sergeant Nightstick—"Well, but honest, now, Cap, ain't y' proud of 'em?" "No: I regard 'em merily as side issues."—*New York World.*

—His New Mamma-in Law—"I trust, my dear son, that you never indulge in that pernicious habit of going out between the acts for a drink of intoxicants?" The Bridegroom—"Why, my dear mamma, you didn't think I had it brought in, did you?"—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

—Puissant: Lecturer—"We read that the real kings of ancient France were the mayors of the palace. Mr. Jones, what do you understand the ostensible functions of the mayors of the palace to have?" Mr. Jones—"They were the janitors, I take it."—*Detroit Journrl.*

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The *Mark Lane Express*, of London, expresses surprise at the decline of prices in the United States, remarking that the definite crop returns of 1896 do not warrant any depression. What then, is the matter? Can it be, after all, that there is something wrong with our financial system.—*Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

—— Owing to the delayed arrival of the good times for which it labored so zealously last year, the Toledo *Bee* has been compelled to follow its fellow laborer, the Cleveland *World*, into the hands of a receiver. It is really too bad that these two calamities should occur so near the home of the gentleman who is carrying the sample case of Prosperity.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— At a time when the Government is badly in need of money it has been obliged to sink nine and a half million dollars in redeeming Pacific Railroad bonds, which are to be held as a debt against the company." When the Government attempts to collect the debt it will be warned once more that if it forecloses all it will have to realize on will be "two streaks of rust and a right of way."—*N. Y. World, Dem.*

—— The Indiana Senate passed an important bill providing for indeterminate prison sentences and creating a parole board. Under this bill a jury may return simply a verdict as to guilt, and when the convict has served the minimum sentence imposed by law for his offence he may be paroled if his record has been good. If it has not been good he may be held to serve a longer term, not to exceed the maximum prescribed in the law.—*Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem.*

A SILENCE THAT BODED ILL.

The Merchant Will Probably Be More Careful When Talking to Strangers.

A rare story has just come to light, and, although the incidents are alleged to have happened some time ago, the narrative is well worth publishing. Once upon a time Mr. I. P. Tiffault enjoyed an exceptionally good dinner at his home and came down to the store at peace with all the world. As he entered the building he noticed a shrewd eyed, pleasant faced young man standing near the door and at once spotted him for a traveling man. He greeted the stranger, shook hands, etc., and in answer to an inquiry as to how he was feeling replied:

"Excellent!—Just had a fine dinner—an elegant dinner! I tell you my wife is a splendid cook. She does get up a meal just to suit me."

"Is that so?" said the stranger. "What did you have for dinner, might I inquire?"

"Oh, everything good—roast turkey, oyster sauce, mashed potatoes, hot biscuits—my wife does make elegant biscuits—and then we finished up on good dessert and black coffee. It was fine, sir, fine."

There was a quizzical smile on the stranger's face as Mr. Tiffault was called away for a moment, and then he quietly took his departure. On reaching the street he at once inquired his way to the Tiffault residence. When he reached the house, he paused for a moment, but as the odor of roast turkey and cafe au lait greeted his nostrils he walked boldly up to the front door and rang the bell. Mrs. Tiffault answered the bell in person. The stranger walked in, greeted the lady effusively and then remarked about as follows:

"I am somewhat at a disadvantage in being an entire stranger to you, Mrs. Tiffault, but your husband is a very dear friend and business acquaintance of mine. I just left him at the store, where he has been extolling the merits of your lovely cookery. When he had found that I had not dined, nothing would do but for me to come right down and get dinner here, he was so anxious for me to partake of the repast you had prepared. He said that he was very busy, and that I must waive all apologies and come right to the house just as if he were here."

Well, any one that knows how the average housewife likes to hear her cooking praised can imagine the spread that the gentleman sat down to after all that soft talk. There was nothing in the house too good for him. When, at last, he drew a mingled sigh of satisfaction and weariness, the table looked as if a cyclone had visited it. On the pretext of having to take a long ride the well fed "friend" of Mr. Tiffault filled his pockets with apples and oranges and reached for his hat. As he passed into the hall Mrs. Tiffault inquired:

"Did I understand you to say you were a commercial traveler?"

"Oh, no, madam! I am not a commercial traveler."

By this time the front steps were reached.

"What is your business, then?"

"Madam," replied the friend of her husband, "I am a professional tramp—a weary Willie—and I bid you a very reluctant farewell."

Then there was a slow falling curtain, weird music and a silence that boded ill to the unsuspecting merchant.—Marshfield (Mass.) News.

No New Thing.

The tendency to ape men in their dress, so noticeable at the present time in a certain type of woman, far from being modern, is as old as The Spectator at least, if not older, and Addison, in an essay, comments upon it with gentle humor.

A lady dressed, according to the fashion of the advanced woman of the time, in a man's hat, periwig and riding coat met a tenant of Sir Roger de Coverley. She asked whether a house near at hand were not Coverley Hall.

The man, seeing only the male part of his querist, replied, "Yes, sir."

But upon the further question, whether Sir Roger was a married man, chancing to drop his eye to the lady's skirt, the embarrassed man changed his note to "No, madam." —London Spectator.

Why He Quit the Game.

"Take a hand?" queried Smith as Jones stood watching the poker game at the club.

"No. Quit."

"What's the matter—cold feet?"

"No. I always come out loser."

"I never saw you lose in my life."

"I know you never saw me, but I lose. If I happen to win a little here, my wife smilingly insists on my dividing my winnings when I get home. If I lose, I get a lecture on the evils of gambling, and the next day, in order to get even, my wife runs bills down town to the amount I lost. If I tell her I came out just even, she takes half the money to prevent me losing all I have, so I am bound to lose."—San Francisco Post.

Gemelli Rings.

A quaint custom of the long ago was that of breaking a ring for betrothal. Such rings were fashioned for the purpose, being made of two twin circles, and were called gimmal rings from the word gemelli, meaning twins.

A ring of pure gold she from her finger took,
And just in the middle the same there she broke.
Quoth she, "As a token of love you this take,
And this as a pledge I will keep for your sake."

The gimmal was also a favorite wedding ring for many years.—New York World.

A Shorter Cut.

Mr. Wanterno—What particular point are you following up in vivisection now, doctor?

Dr. Scalpel—We are trying to estimate the exact amount of pain it causes the animal.

Mr. Wanterno—Don't you think if you tried it on one of the medical fraternity he'd be able to make a better and more scientific report?—Philadelphia American.

A Kansas Ruling.

A Kansas court has ruled that "a man who calls upon a woman regularly and takes her to entertainments occasionally is legally engaged to marry her."—Detroit Free Press.

RAILROADS IN THE ROCKIES.

A Wild and Woolly Circumstance of a Down Grade Run.

"Can you tell me where the caboose committee meets?" asked a well dressed, good looking man. The stranger had the appearance of being from the west.

"Yes, sir. I am from the west. Just arrived on the Atlantic. I am a railroad man, and I heard when the train stopped at Buffalo for a few minutes that the caboose committee was going to have a meeting this evening in this city. I am dead interested in railroad business, and I like to meet all the boys who work on the road. There isn't any more lively business in the world.

"Speaking of wild rides, why the fellows here ain't in it, that's all. I remember one night that we broke in two six or seven times while coming down Laramie hill, in the Rockies. We didn't stop to couple up, as they do here, but coupled the train together again while it was running down hill at a speed of 45 miles an hour. Of course this is a trifle risky for a beginner, but we soon get used to it, and familiarity with danger insures contempt. Once in awhile one of the boys falls under the wheels, but it is instant death, and he really doesn't know what hit him.

"All the cars are provided with air, yet we were compelled to sit on deck and watch out for accidents. One bitter cold night, when the mercury was down to about 40 below, we started down Laramie hill with a long string of loaded cars for Cheyenne. I was seated on top of a car about ten lengths ahead of the caboose. The brakes were set pretty tight, and fire was flying from the wheels quite lively. Suddenly the heavy train shot around a curve, and a sight met my eyes that I shall never forget. Every wheel on the train was red hot, so were the rails, while the sleepers were blazing, having been ignited by the intense heat of the rails. When we pulled into Cheyenne, every wheel on the train was flat—that is, a flat place had been worn away during the slide down the mountain. That is what I wanted to tell the boys in the caboose committee. They may know something about giving Chauncey Depew pointers on how to run the Central, but after all they haven't much of an idea of railroading. It's no trick at all to run a fast train over such a road as the Central, but when you run over two streaks of rust and the right of way, as I have done on some western lines, then you can get a fair idea of railroading."

The reporter slipped quietly away, leaving the garrulous westerner still talking. He had talked himself to sleep, but his mouth continued to work. At a late hour today he had not succeeded in finding any of the caboose committee. It isn't likely that the organization will hold another meeting until this terrible liar from the "wild and woolly west" leaves town.—Rochester Post-Express.

Boer Valor Illustrated.

Here is a story that is being told with much gusto by Oom Paul's burghers. A father and son, named Pretorius, were setting out to meet Dr. Jameson at Krugersdorp, and a younger son, a boy of 12 years old, was anxious to go too. But his father scolded him and left him. After the others had gone he went into the house, took down an old "sannah"—relic of past days—and, finding some ammunition, loaded his weapon and set off on foot toward Krugersdorp. After walking some time he observed a horseman approaching and concealed himself behind an ant heap. When he saw that the horseman was armed and that his horse's tail was cut, he concluded that the man was "one of the enemy." So he crouched down and took aim, and, at a distance of 72 yards, he shot his man dead. The trooper fell from his horse, and the youthful Boer calmly took possession of horse and accouterments, and, discarding his old "sannah," rode home in triumph with his booty. This boy will probably be heard of again.—Westminster Gazette.

The Great Lantern Fly.

One of the largest and most curious of the many luminous or lamp bearing insects is the great lantern fly, a species of the firefly peculiar to Central and northern South America. The great lantern is hardly as large as the common dragon fly or "snake feeder," but like that creature it has lacelike wings and an elongated abdomen. In Central America, particularly in Costa Rica and Panama, the Indians capture them by thousands, using them as decorations for their headdresses, saddles, etc. The Frenchman Renard, who visited Gautemala in 1802, declared that the Indians used lantern flies and other luminous insects much in the same manner that we do torches and lanterns and that by the light the insects give out they were able to find their way through dark woods and swamps.—St. Louis Republic.

The War of the Future.

"How many seamstresses have we in the army?" asked the generaless.

"Now, what do you want to know that for?" asked the aid-de-camp, who had been a hired girl and still retained her lack of respect for authority.

"Why, I read somewhere that Napoleon often won his battles by hemming the enemy in."—Indianapolis Journal.

Nothing Too Good For Her.

"You are too good for me," remarked the bright girl.

"I thought you always said nothing was too good for you," replied the cheerful idiot.

"Yes; that's it," murmured the bright girl.—Philadelphia Record.

The blindness of men is the most dangerous effect of their pride. It seems to nourish and augment it. It deprives them of knowledge of remedies which can solace their miseries and can cure their faults.—Rochefoucauld.

Byron's Pun.

Byron was as fond of puns as Macaulay. In one of the poet's letters sold in London the other day occurs this passage, "I am living alone in the Franciscan monastery with one friar (a Capuchin, of course) and one frier (a bandy legged Turkish cook)." This latter sold for $60.

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

Burgaw circuit, at Rocky Point, February 6, 7.

Clinton circuit, at Keeners, February 13 14.

Jacksonville and Richlands, at Jacksonville, February 20, 21.

Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27, 28.

Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7.

Onslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14.

Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21.

Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March 27, 28.

Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (night), March 28.

Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 30.

Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April 3, 4.

Bladen circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

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BAGGING—			
2 lb Jute		@	6
Standard		@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ₩ lb	12	@	14
Sides ₩ lb	6	@	7
Shoulders ₩ lb	6	@	6¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ₩ lb	4¾	@	5
Shoulders ₩ lb		@	4½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
New City, each	1 30	@	1 40
BEESWAX ₩ lb	23	@	24
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ₩ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ₩ lb	15	@	
Northern	19	@	22
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	36	@	40
Virginia Meal	36	@	40
COTTON TIES—₩ bundle		@	25
CANDLES—₩ lb—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE—₩ lb—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	12
State		@	10
COFFEE—₩ lb—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	11	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ₩ yard		@	5¾
Yarns ₩ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—₩ dozen	11	@	12½
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ₩ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ₩ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ₩ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ₩ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ₩ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ₩ barrel	3 00	@	[illegible]
Mullets, ₩ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 00
N C Roe Herring, ₩ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ₩ lb	5	@	10
Extra	3 25	@	3 50
FLOUR—₩ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 25
Straight	4 75	@	5 00
First Patent	5 50	@	5 75
GLUE—₩ lb	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—₩ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White,	40	@	42½
Car load, in bags—White,	37½	@	[illegible]
Oats, from store	30	@	32½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas	45	@	50
HIDES, ₩ lb—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	12
HAY, ₩ 100 lbs—			
Eastern		@	1 00
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ₩ lb		@	2½
LARD, ₩ lb—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina		@	10
LIME, ₩ barrel		@	1 15
LUMBER (city sawed) ₩ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ₩ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hhds		@	28
in bbls		@	30
Porto Rico, in hhds	27	@	30
in bbls		@	32
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	15	@	[illegible]
NAILS, ₩ keg, Cut 60d basis		@	1 75
PORK, ₩ barrel—			
City Mess	9 00	@	[illegible]
Rump		@	8 75
Prime		@	8 75
ROPE, ₩ lb	10	@	[illegible]
SALT, ₩ sack, Alum		@	[illegible]
Liverpool		@	[illegible]
Lisbon		@	[illegible]
American		@	[illegible]
On 125 lb Sacks	[illegible]	@	[illegible]
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ₩ M	[illegible]	@	[illegible]
Common	[illegible]	@	[illegible]
Cypress Saps	[illegible]	@	[illegible]
SUGAR, ₩ lb—Standard Granulated		@	[illegible]
Standard A		@	[illegible]
White Ex. C		@	[illegible]
Extra C, Golden		@	[illegible]
C Yellow		@	[illegible]
SOAP, ₩ lb—Northern	3½	@	[illegible]
STAVES, ₩ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ₩ M feet—Shipping	[illegible]	@	[illegible]
Mill, Prime	[illegible]	@	[illegible]
Mill, Fair	[illegible]	@	[illegible]
Common Mill	[illegible]	@	[illegible]
Inferior to Ordinary	[illegible]	@	[illegible]
TALLOW, ₩ lb	[illegible]	@	[illegible]
WHISKEY, ₩ gallon—Northern	[illegible]	@	[illegible]
North Carolina	[illegible]	@	[illegible]

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, February 4.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 26 cents per gallon bid for machine made casks, and 25½ cents for country casks, with sales at close of market of country casks at 26c, which is an advance of ½c.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market steady at 95 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nominal. Hard $1 30, Soft 1 80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm, 26½@26c; rosin steady, $1 25, 1 30 tar, quiet 90c; crude turpentine easy, $1 50, 1 90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	45
Rosin	445
Tar	158
Crude Turpentine	00

Receipts same day last year—37 casks spirits turpentine, 346 bbls rosin, 100 bbls tar, 6 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 6¾c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4¾	cts ₩ lb
Good Ordinary	5¾	" "
Low Middling	6⅜	" "
Middling	6¾	" "
Good Middling	7 1-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7⅞c.

Receipts—318 bales; same day last year 168.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 55@60c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 65c; Fancy, 65@70c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 50@55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 40 to 42 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@75 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1 60 to 2 25; six inch, $2 25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5 50 to 6 50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $5.00 to 8.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, February 4—Evening.—Money on call was easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan at 1½ per cent closing offered at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper was 3 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with the actual business in bankers bills at 484¼@484½ for sixty days; 486½@486¾ for demand Commercial bills 483½@484. Government bonds were firm; United States coupon fours 112⅝; United States twos 90½. State bonds steady; North Carolina fours 102½; North Carolina sixes 122. Railroad bonds dull.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was neglected.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, February 4—Evening.—Cotton steady; middling 7 5 16c.

Cotton futures closed quiet and steady; February 6 99, March 7 04 April 7 10, May 7 17, June 7 22, July 7 26 August 7 27, September 6 94 October 6 83 November 6 84, December 6 86. Sales 63,000 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 41 bales; gross 391 bales; exports to Great Britain 7,764 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 1 571 bales; forwarded 32 bales; sales 418 bales; sales to spinners 313 bales; stock 285,193 bales

Total to-day—Net receipts 15 703 bales; exports to Great Britain 12,764 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 1,821 bales; stock 1,013 033 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 86 100 bales; exports to Great Britain 69 606 bales; to France 21,094 bales; to the Continent 33 056 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 5 599 024 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,351,021 bales; exports to France 511,405 bales; exports to the Continent 1,355,983 bales; to the Channel 5 481 bales.

Flour quiet, steady and unchanged; Southern flour, quiet and unchanged; common to fair extra $3 30@3 65; good to choice $3 75@4 05. Wheat—spot dull and firm; No. 2 red free on board 94½c; options opened weak and declined ⅛@⅜c, advanced 1¼@1½c, closing firm at ⅛@⅜c over yesterday; No. 2 red February 83⅜c; March 84⅜c; May 82½c. Corn—spot dull and firm; No. 2 30c at elevator and 31c afloat; options were dull and firm at ⅛c advance. February 29c; May 30c; July 31½c. Oats—spot fairly active and strong; options dull and firmer; February 21½c; May 22½c; July 23c; spot prices—No. 2 21½c; No. 2 white 24c; mixed Western 22@23c. Lard quiet and weak; Western steam $4 00; city $3 60; May $4 12, nominal; refined dull; Continent $4 25; South America $4 60; compound $4 00@4 25. Pork steady; new mess $8 00@8 75. Butter—choice firm; demand good; State dairy 10@19c; do. creamery 13@19c; Western creamery 13@21c. Eggs weaker; State and Pennsylvania 15½@16c; ice house, per case $3 00@3 60; western fresh 15c; Southern 14@14½c; limed 13@13½c. Cotton seed oil quiet and easy; crude 20c; yellow prime 23c. Rice fairly active, firm and unchanged. Molasses dull, easy and unchanged. Peanuts quiet; fancy hand picked 3⅝c. Coffee dull and unchanged to 5 points down; March $9 65; May $9 45; December $9 60; spot Rio dull but steady; No. 7 $9 75. Sugar—raw dull but steady; fair refining 2⅝c; centrifugals 96 test 3⅛@3 3-16c; refined unchanged, with a better demand.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Cash quotations: Flour was dull, steady and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring 72½@75½c; No. 2 red 83½@86½c. Corn—No. 2 22½@22½c. Oats—No. 2 16½c. Mess pork $7 52½@7 55. Lard $3 70@3 72½. Short rib sides, loose, $3 72½@3 97½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed $4 25@4 50 Short clear sides, boxed, $4 12½@4 25 Whiskey $1 17.

The leading futures ranged as follows opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—February 72⅝@72½ 74½ 72½, 74c; May 74⅜@75½, 76½, 74½ 75⅝c; July 70⅝@71½, 72½, 70⅝@70¾, 72c. Corn—February 21½, 22½ 21½ 22½c; May 24 24½ 24 24½c; July 25⅛ 25⅝@25½ 25½, 25⅛@25½c. Oats—No. 2 February 15½, 15½, 15½ 15⅝c; May 17⅝@17¾, 17⅝@17¾, 17⅝ 17⅝c; July 18½, 18⅝, 18⅜@18½, 18⅝c. Mess pork—May $7 57½, 7 60, 7 55, 7 57½; July $7 67½, 7 70, 7 67½, 7 70. Lard—May $3 87½, 3 87½, 3 82½, 3 82; July $3 95, 3 95, 3 87½, 3 90. Short ribs—May $3 87½, 3 87½, 3 87½, 3 87½; July $3 95, 3 97½, 3 95, 3 97½.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 4.—Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat dull, spot 86½c bid; May 83½@83c; Southern by sample 87@88c; do on grade 83@87c. Corn steady; spot and February 25⅛@25¼c; March 26⅛@26⅜c; April 27@27⅛c; May 28@28⅛c; steamer mixed 23⅝@23¾c; Southern white 27⅝@28c; do yellow 26⅛@27c. Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white 24@24½c; No. 2 mixed 21@22c.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

February 4—Galveston, steady at 7 1-16, net receipts 3 511 bales; Norfolk, steady at 7, net receipts 1 554 bales; Baltimore, quiet at 7 5 16 net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 7¾, net receipts 442 bales; Wilmington, firm at 6¾, receipts 318 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 7 9-16c, net receipts — bales; Savannah, quiet at 6 13-16, net receipts 3,220 bales; New Orleans, steady at 6 15 16, net receipts 4,775 bales; Mobile, quiet at 6 13-16, net receipts 894 bales; Memphis, steady at 6 15-16, net receipts 268 bales; Augusta, steady at 7⅛, net receipts 697 bales; Charleston, firm at 6 13-16, net receipts 1 448 bales.

FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 4—12 30 P. M.—Cotton, demand fair and prices hardening. American middling 3 29 32d. Sales 10 000 bales, of which 8 900 were American; speculation and export 500. Receipts 29 000 bales, of which 27 300 were American. Futures opened steady and demand moderate. American middling (l m c): February 3 58 64d@3 59 64d; February and March 3 58 64d; March and April 3 59-64d; April and May 3 60 64d; May and June 3 60-64d@3 61-64d; June and July 3 61 64d; July and August 3 62 64d; August and September 3 60 64d; September and October 3 56-64d; October and November 3 46 64d. Futures steady.

12.45 P. M.—American spot grades 1-16d higher. American middling fair 4 13 32d; good middling 4 3-32d; middling 3 31 32d; low middling 3 13 16d; good ordinary 3 11-16d; ordinary 3½d.

4 P. M.—American middling (l m c) February 3 57-64d@3 58 64d buyer; February and March 3 57 64d@3 58 64d buyer; March and April 3 58 64d@3 59 64d buyer; April and May 3 59 64d@3 60-64d seller; May and June 3 60 64d buyer; June and July 3 60 64d@3 61 64d buyer; July and August 3 61-64d buyer; August and September 3 59 64d@3 60 64d seller; September and October 3 53-64d@3 54-64d seller; October and November 3 49-64d@3 50-64d seller; November and December 3 48-64d@3 49 64d seller. Futures closed quiet.

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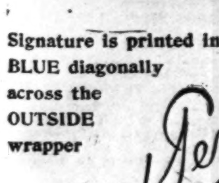

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The breezes are humming!
 Aloft flies the sail!
The sea gulls are teeming
And fighting and screaming,
 Adrift on the gale!

Ohl, oho, the west wind is veering,
The fishing fleet steering
 Through whirlwinds of spray!
Oho, lads, how merry
To speed the frail wherry
 O'er the billowy way!

Ohl, oho, my heart leaps toward her
My friend is aboard her,
 My true love, my king.
He feasts upon danger,
The daring sea ranger,
 When hurricanes sing.

Ohl, oho, now down the black hollows,
O'er deeps and o'er shallows,
 A glorious ride!
May good luck betide him
And cheer him and guide him
 Safe home to his bride.

—Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen in Century.

AMUSEMENT OF DEAF MUTES.

The Interpreter Put the Laugh on the Right Side.

One of the particular pleasures of deaf mutes is to learn what others are saying about them, and for this reason they always like to have an interpreter along when there is a party of them together.

A very interesting affair took place on a street car that carried a party of deaf mutes from the school to the railroad station. They were going to see one of their schoolmates off to her distant home. There were two interpreters in the party, but they kept their voices to themselves, so that it wasn't long until the other occupants of the car became satisfied they were all "dummies" and began talking about them in a free and easy manner.

Of course the interpreters reported everything that was said, and it kept the little party in an uproar of delight. Could the talkers have read the signs that were being made by supple fingers and mobile faces they would hardly have had any cause for self congratulation.

Two young ladies in the car seemed to think the mutes real funny. At first they spoke in low tones, but when assured that the funny people couldn't hear they began to talk out loud.

"Why, he doesn't seem to mind being deaf at all, does he?" said one.

"No. Not a bit. And he doesn't look as if he couldn't hear, either, does he?"

Then the fun began. The rapid interpretation of this conversation to the mutes by the subject of it was sufficient to convulse them, and the interpreter's reputation as a humorist was thereby established. The talk continued. The conductor, too, became interested and discussed the mutes as freely and philosophically, being sure, of course, as were the others, that they had ears, but heard not. Even the face of the fare indicator was overspread with a smile, but it was mute.

"See, isn't he funny?" said one. "How he makes them laugh," said another.

And not one was aware that he or she was furnishing ammunition for the humorist interpreter, whereas, as a matter of fact, the hearing people were the source of the mutes' fun for the entire five mile ride, and they were soon to be told this in a shocking manner. When the car reached the point at which the mutes wished to alight, their spokesman, the supposedly deaf young man, did what any one in his position would have done had he wanted the car to stop. In strong, resolute tones he asked the conductor to pull the bell rope.

These words, "Stop the car, please, conductor," coming in full force in a voice loud and clear, had the effect of a peal of thunder from a clear sky, followed by thick clouds in place of sunshine. The girls in the corner blushed and said uncomplimentary things under their breath. The conductor became busily engaged at his end of the car. The apple woman exclaimed with her customary expletive, "I to't he wor deef." A young man remarked to his best girl, who, by the way, had previously enlightened the other occupants upon the subject of mutes and their habits:

"I suppose he thinks he's smart."

With such farewells the mutes and their escort took their departure. This is only one of a great many such experiences that a hearing person may have when traveling with the deaf. It is also an example of a joke upon the people which the mutes thoroughly enjoy.—Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette.

Bad For the Children.

Night parties, night study and double beds for nervous children are all frowned upon by many doctors. One of them says: "No matter in what else you economize there is a criminal folly in economizing in beds. Every person needs his own bed more than he needs his own chair or own plate at the table."

Claude's Ears.

Arthur came in the other afternoon and found Claude had been shorn of all his golden curls. The older brother stared at the cropped head. "Why," he exclaimed, "you look as if your ears had just been put on!"—New York Times.

CHILDREN OF CHINATOWN.

They Make the Most Picturesque Feature of a Squalid Quarter.

While the Chinese quarter of San Francisco is picturesque and might well be taken for part of the Chinese empire, this picturesqueness covers a multitude of sins. What delights the eye often offends the nose, and a worse combination of evil smells can hardly be imagined than those one meets in this crowded and filthy quarter.

Its picturesqueness, however, is its redeeming feature, and the prettiest things that greet the eye are the bright eyed and quaintly clad little children.

The streets abound with children of all ages and conditions, and while nearly all of them are born in this country many are as ignorant of the English language as if they had been brought up in the heart of China. Others, again, true "street Arabs," though Chinese, are too familiar with slang phrases of the language of their adoption.

As a general rule, however, their education is by no means neglected. In this strange and curious meeting of the oldest civilization of the east with that of the youngest of the west queer neighborhoods are sometimes formed. Christian churches are found next to Chinese temples, and while the organ of the former peals forth its melodious tones they mingle with the pagan chant of priests and acolytes of the neighboring "josshouse." There exists in the heart of Chinatown a public school for Chinese children, in charge of the San Francisco board of education, and it is attended by many bright, studious little pigtailed pupils, all eager to gain an American common school education. A few doors from this institution is a school kept by an old Chinese schoolmaster—a wise and learned man—especially imported from China to teach these little pagans the wisdom of Confucius and other Chinese sages.

The pupils of the former school are taught to read and write English as well as Chinese. They learn arithmetic from our well known textbooks, and also are taught the true geography of the world. In the latter school they puzzle their little brains over problems in arithmetic on the Chinese counting board. In Chinese geography they learn that, with the exception of a few small, half civilized countries, China represents and controls the world.

In addition they are taught also polite deportment, to read and write the complicated Chinese characters, as well as the teachings of their great philosopher Confucius. In other words, they receive the same education as that of a boy living in the shadow of the great wall of China. A most pleasing and notable feature in this school is the politeness with which the pupils treat one another.

I have often seen a class of 10 or 15 of these little boys marching out of school in single file. Each carried his counting board and books under his arm, and all chatted merrily as they passed along. When they reached the corner of the street, where one or more of them left the rest, all stopped a moment, and made a low bow to the departing ones, and then went on their march, keeping up the same ceremony until they had all bowed one another home.

The boys who went to this Chinese school were mostly the sons of wealthy merchants, while those of the public school, as a rule, belonged to the poorer classes.—Theodore Wores in St. Nicholas.

She Was Even.

When the woman in the ecru cape got on a Fifty-fifth street cable car, she stared in cold scorn at a little lady in a tailor made suit who essayed to speak to her, but was given the cut direct. The lady with the cape was obliged to stand and she gazed out the window over the head of the confused woman who had been snubbed. Just as the car turned the curve on to Cottage Grove avenue, the haughty woman gave a mighty sneeze, loosened her hold on the strap, whirled, then sat down hard on the little person in the tailor made gown. Furious with indignation and humiliation, she struggled to regain her feet.

The tailor made lady regarded her with an angelic smile. "Never mind, Laurelia," she said soothingly. "It isn't your fault that you are so awkward, dear."—Chicago News.

Some Questions.

The Philadelphia Record tells of some ridiculous questions which the pupils in an elementary school were recently asked to answer. For instance: "Where have you ever seen the surface of the earth?" "Harry had eight apples in a basket. How many apples would it take to fill six baskets?" with no reference to the size of the apples or the capacity of the baskets. One of the examination questions, fraught with deep meaning, read, "Compare a slate pencil and a lead pencil." The puzzled pupil, with a sudden gleam of intelligence, had written: "Positive, slate pencil; comparative, more slate pencil; superlative, most slate pencil. Ditto lead pencil."

Degenerate Tendencies of a Hat.

"Did you know that a derby hat left on the shelves two or three years would assume a funnier shape than a fake baseball player?" said a Lisbon street hatter a few days ago. "Well, it's so. Here is a hat. It has been on the shelf three years. Look at it. Do you suppose I ever bought such a bean pot as that? No man ever designed it. Look at the brim. It isn't wider than the back of your jackknife. The fact is that the hats are made under pressure and heat. Left to themselves they distort along the lines of pressure. Sometimes the brims crawl up into the crowns and sometimes the crowns evaporate into the brims. I've seen an old fashioned, flat crowned, wide rimmed hat so emphasize its peculiarity that in one year it became flatter than an Aunt Jemima pancake and so funny that it would break up a revival service."—Lewiston Journal.

A Reliance.

"I haven't had any peace of mind at all," said Mr. Lushly, "since my wife got the bicycle craze."

"She wants to ride, does she?"

"No; she wants me to ride. She says she believes that a man who is out at night is as safe if he's confronted with the responsibility of getting a bicycle back home as he is if he has signed the pledge."—Washington Star.

Origin of Barber Poles.

An English gentleman of letters has recently evolved from the musty pages of history some new and exceedingly interesting data regarding the origin of the gaudy barber pole. Its first beginnings, this gentleman says, were in the days of the barber surgeons. In early times, the tradition goes, both medicine and surgery were in the hands of barbers, as indeed they continued to be for many centuries afterward. The old theory was that the men of the razor were the worthiest to handle the lancet, and even in the middle ages the lancet was the one great instrument of medicine, as blood letting was one of the chief practices of the time.

In the days of old, during the operation of bleeding the patient used to grasp a stick which the barber surgeon kept ready for use that the pain might be lessened, in just the same way as in the days before chloroform was invented people undergoing a severe operation frequently chewed lead bullets. Around this stick was twined a supply of bandages for tying up the arm of the patient. When not in use, the pole was hung at the door as a sign. In the course of time a painted staff was displayed instead of the one actually used during the operations.

Hill In Holland.

It seems absurd to speak of a hill in Holland, for if the best guessers are right, the name of the country is from our word hollow, meaning a depression in the land, but Captain Knight found at Groningen a hill that was the show place of the town. It was artificial.

"There is a fine hill in the Plantaage," said my companion, "and from the summit of it you will be able to see the country for a great distance around."

It interested me greatly to hear that there was such a thing as a hill in Holland.

"But where is it?" I asked, looking around the interminable plain. "I can see no hill."

"It is just over there, but you cannot see it, for it is hidden by that bush."

I ascended this fine hill, which proved to be an artificial mound not 20 feet in height, but the natives are very proud of it and speak of it as if it were some huge mountain. As an instance of how successfully a Groningener is deceived by his admiration for it I may mention that my companion heaved a deep sigh, mopped his face and dropped exhausted into a chair—thoughtfully placed there by the corporation for this object—when he reached the summit. But to do this eminence justice it must be allowed that the hill is beyond dispute above the level of the sea.—Youth's Companion.

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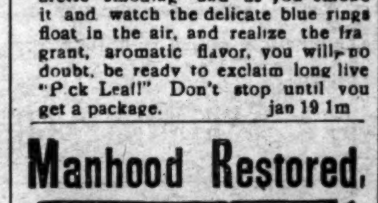

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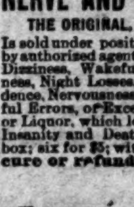

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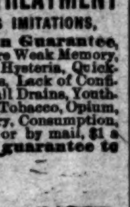

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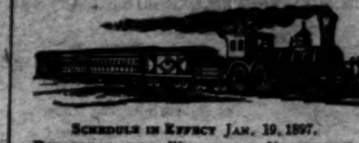

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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

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DAILY 3.25 P M No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.32 p m, Chadbourn 5.04 p m, Marion 6.05 p m, Florence 6.45 p m, Sumter 8.45 p m, Columbia 10.05 p m, Denmark 6.20 a m, Augusta 8.10 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.20 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.30 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 4.45 p m.

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DAILY 9.30 a m No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.20 p m, Weldon 9.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.05 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.20 a m, Goldsboro 7.03 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.16 a m.

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Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

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Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7 10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m. arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 2.50 p m, Smithfield 2.58 p m, Dunn 3.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m, 1.10 a m, Rowland 5.38 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.20 a m, 10.20 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.42 p m, 12.10 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4.20 a m, Creston 5 2? a m, arrive Denmark 6 20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 55 p m, Creston 5 47 p m, Sumter 6 40 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9 15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.45 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.45 p m. Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

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W., N. & N. Railway.

In Effect Sunday, May 17, 1896
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

NORTH BOUND *6	NORTH BOUND †8	STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND †7	SOUTH BOUND ‡5
A M	P M	—WILMINGTON—	P M	P M
	2 00	Lv...Mulberry street...Ar	12 40	
7 00	2 10	Lv...Surry street...Ar	12 30	3 25
9 50		Ar..Jacksonville...Lv		12 05
11 00	3 58	Lv " Ar	10 42	10 25
11 58	4 30	Lv..Maysville...Lv	10 09	9 18
12 30	4 44	Lv..Pollocksville...Lv	9 55	8 50
1 30	5 2?	Ar..Newbern...Lv	9 20	8 10
	P M		A M	

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Nos. 7 and 8 passenger trains.

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*Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
‡Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
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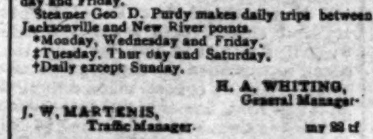
H. A. WHITING,
General Manager.

J. W. MARTENIS,
Traffic Manager. my 22 tf

Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad

Time Table.



In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	GOING EAST. 3 Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	GOING WEST. 4 Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 25	....
....	4 12	Kinston	10 32	....
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 37	6 42	Morehead City	8 01	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a. m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 1.	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 2.
1 45 p. m.	Ar...Wilmington...Lve	7 50 a.
4 35 "	Lv...Fayetteville...Ar	11 00 a m
4 18 "	Ar...Fayetteville...Lv	11 21 "
4 12 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 27 "
2 55 "	Lv....Sanford....Lv	1 00 p. m
12 43 "	Lv...Climax...Lv	2 55 "
12 15 "	Lv...Greensboro...Ar	3 25 "
11 55 a m	Ar...Greensboro...Lv	3 35 "
11 07 "	Lv...Stokesdale...Lv	4 28 "
10 32 "	Lv..Walnut Cove...Lv	4 55 "
10 04 "	Lv...Rural Hall...Lv	5 25 "
8 40 "	Lv...Mt Airy...Ar	6 50 "

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 3.	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 4.
7 52 p m	Ar...Bennettsville...Lv	8 30 a. m
6 17 "	Lv...Maxton...Ar	9 40 "
5 36 "	Lv...Red Springs...Lv	10 18 "
4 45 "	Lv...Hope Mills...Lv	11 01 "
4 28 "	Lv...Fayetteville...Ar	11 19

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 15. MIXED.	Factory and Madison Branches.	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 16. MIXED.
6 05 p m	Ar....Ramseur....Lv	6 45 a.
4 20 "	Lv....Climax....Lv	8 35 "
3 25 "	Lv...Greensboro...Ar	9 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 15 MIXED, daily ex su
Leave Greensboro	9 35 a. m
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. MIXED, daily ex su
Leave Madison	12 30 p m
Leave Stokesdale	1 28 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 40 "

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APRIL 5th, 1896.		No. 41	No 403
Leave Wilmington,	S. A. L.	P. M. • 3 20	A. M.
Arrive Maxton	"	6 12	
Arrive Hamlet	"	6 5?	
Leave Hamlet	"	7 15	• 9 10
Arrive Wadesboro	"	8 01	9 53
Arrive Monroe	"	8 55	10 40
Leave Monroe	"	9 10	10 45
Arrive Charlotte	"	10 20	11 35
Arrive Lincolnton	"		P. M. 12 35
Arrive Shelby	"		1 50
Arrive Rutherfordton	"		3 00
Leave Hamlet	S. A. L.	A. M. † 9 25	
Arrive Osborne	"	9 50	
" Kollock	"	10 25	
" Cheraw	"	10 4?	
Leave Cheraw	S. A. L.		P. M. † 5 35
" Kollock	"		5 50
" Osborne	"		6 25
Arrive Hamlet	"		6 50
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.	P. M. • 3 20	
" Monroe	"	9 05	A. M. *10 45
Arrive Chester	"	10 32	12 03
" Clinton	"	11 58	P. M. 1 20
" Greenwood	"	A. M. 1 00	2 33
" Abbeville	"	1 32	2 58
" Elberton	"	2 36	4 00
" Athens	"	3 38	5 10
" Atlanta	"	5 2?	6 45
Leave Atlanta	A. & W. P.	5 35	
Ar Montgomery	West of Ala.	10 45	
Arrive Mobile	L. & N.	P. M. 4 10	
" New Orleans	"	• 8 30	
Arrive Columbia	C. N. & L.	A. M. *10 00	P. M. * 4 50
Arrive Augusta	P. R. & W. C.	A. M. † 9 35	P. M. * 5 05
Arrive Macon	M & N.		P. M. * 6 40

EAST AND NORTH.

APRIL 5th, 1896.		No 38	No 403
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L		P. M. * 3 20
Arrive Hamlet	"	A. M.	6 55
Leave Hamlet	"	* 8 15	10 35
Arrive Southern Pines	"	9 15	11 21
" Raleigh	"	11 26	A. M. 1 21
" Henderson	"	P. M. 1 0	2 33
" Weldon	"	* 3 00	* 4 05
Arrive Portsmouth	S. A. L.	P. M. * 5 50	A. M. * 7 30
" Norfolk	"	6 00	7 50
Arrive Richmond	A. C. L.	P. M. * 6 40	A. M. * 6 40
" Washington	P. R. R.	11 10	10 45
" Baltimore	"	A. M. 12 4?	P. M. 12 05
" Philadelphia	"	3 45	2 20
" New York	"	* 6 53	* 4 53

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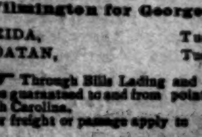

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FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 5, 1897

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

Prominent Ladies Arrested—Consul General Lee Insists Upon the Release of One of Them.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Feb. 4.—The trial of Dr. Gaspar Betancourt, a well-known American dentist of this city, who was arrested on December 23d last as a political suspect, took place to day and resulted in his acquittal. He was at once released, but was placed at the disposal of the civil governor. It was suspected that Dr. Betancourt was acting as a go between the insurgents There was no evidence produced at the trial to prove that he was connected in any way with the rebellion.

The steamer Manela arrived here to-day from Neuvitas, province of Puerto Principe. She brought twenty-two political prisoners, including five ladies. The men were imprisoned at police headquarters, and the women were placed in the House of Refuge. The women prisoners are, Concepcion Agramonte, mother of Gomez' physician; Gabriela de Cranda, Maria Aguita, Angela, Loperecio, wife of a rebel leader, and Eva Adan Rodriguez, who is an American.

As soon as Consul General Lee learned that Senora Rodriguez was among the prisoners he requested her immediate release, basing his request upon a promise by the Government when she was arrested. It is expected that she will be liberated to-morrow.

James W. Luckenbill, a musician of of Shortersville, Pa., committed suicide at the Saratoga Hotel here by shooting himself through the heart. Consul General Lee took charge of the body and ordered its burial.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The wheat market was irregular up to noon, the opening being weak on lower Liverpool cables. Prices soon advanced on good export clearances at New York, but again declined because other seaboard points were not in line with New York. Wheat opened from 74⅛c to 74⅝c. sold between 74⅛ and 76⅛c. closing at 75⅜—⅜@⅝c higher than yesterday. Cash wheat was steady, closing firm and ⅛@⅜c per bushel higher.

May corn opened at 24c. sold at 24⅛c, closing at the latter—⅛c higher than yesterday. Cash corn was steady and prices were unchanged.

May oats closed a shade higher. Cash oats were steady and unchanged.

Hogs were up another 2½@5c this morning, a circumstance which had a salutary effect on provisions. Commission houses and packers were good buyers early but trade became slack after the first hour and prices gradually settled backward until most of the opening advance was lost. May pork closed 2½c higher, May lard 5c higher and May ribs unchanged.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4—The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here advanced 1 1-16c. with sales of 100 bales for export and 131 for spinning. Intense dullness reigned in the cotton market to day. What business there was was of a local scalping nature and at the close prices were practically unchanged from last night's final quotations. Liverpool was higher and prices advanced slightly at the opening in response to the advance in Liverpool. The indications pointed to light receipts for the day. New Orleans advanced, Liverpool and the South were small buyers here and some local shorts covered. Before the close prices reacted owing to the absence of support. It was rumored here that Neill Bros. will issue a bullish circular, but this report was not confirmed. The quantity to come into sight for the week is now estimated at 110,000 bales, although it was reported to-day that Mr. Hester, of New Orleans, will include about 25,000 bales in the week's receipts.

THE NAVAL DRILL.

Admiral Bunce's Squadron Leaves Hampton Roads for Charleston.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 4.—Admiral Bunce sets sail from Hampton Roads to-day with his fleet of warships for Charleston. It is not known definitely how long it will take him to run down, as it is a part of his plan to engage in deep sea manœuvres and conduct all kinds of evolutions. It is certain that the fleet will be off Charleston harbor by the middle of next week and probably before that time. The contract for coaling the fleet has been awarded to William Johnson & Co., of this city, and in the contract it is stated that the coaling is to begin in Charleston harbor on the 15th inst.

NEGRO LYNCHED

For Writing an Insulting Note to a White Lady.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOWLING GREEN, KY., Feb. 4.—Robt. Morton, colored, was hanged by a mob near Rockfield shortly after midnight last night. It is said that the negro, a son of a section hand at Rockfield, yesterday wrote an insulting and insinuating note to Miss Tommie Johnson, a well known young white woman of Rockfield. Morton was captured and taken to a house on the Russellville pike and put under guard. About 12 o'clock a party of men appeared at the house, overpowered the guards, took the prisoner away and hanged him.

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NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 4—Rosin steady; strained common to good $1 70. Spirits turpentine firmer at 28½@29c.

CHARLESTON, February 4.—Spirits turpentine firm at 25c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels.

SAVANNAH, February 4.—Spirits turpentine firm at 26½c, with sales of 300 casks; receipts 198 casks. Rosin firm; sales 2,614 barrels; receipts 2,375 barrels.

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SENATE AND HOUSE.

IMMIGRATION BILL CONSIDERED IN THE SENATE.

The House Engaged in Consideration of Bills Concerning the District of Columbia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—As soon as the routine morning business was disposed of in the Senate to-day the House bill was taken up to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Capitol building. It had been reported by Mr. Morrill from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and he desired its passage, while declaring that it was unnecessary and was based on a misapprehension in the public mind.

Mr. Sherman took a similar position. Even although it was based "on false and foolish grounds," he thought the Senate ought to meet the popular objection and pass the bill.

Mr. Hill took a different view of the duty of the Senate. He denounced the bill as silly, unwise and unnecessary; as a weak yielding to an alleged public sentiment which regarded murder, robbery and burglary as minor crimes in comparison with a disregard of prohibition laws and as vicious and cowardly. He moved its reference to the Committee on Rules, whose jurisdiction extends specifically to all that concerns the Senate restaurant.

That motion was defeated—year, 27; nays, 30. At the close of the morning hour the bill went over without action. It will probably be taken up for action to-morrow.

The bill introduced a few days ago by Senator Mills to increase the pensions of the survivors of the war of 1812 from $12 to $30 a month, was reported favorably from the Committee on Pensions by Senator Galliger, who said that there was only twelve surviving pensioners of that war, and that their ages ranged from 90 to 104. The bill passed.

The question that awakened interest was the conference report on the Immigration bill. The discussion upon that was short, however, as Senator Lodge having charge of it, recognized the justice of the objection made to it by Senator Hill and other Senators in regard to shutting out the ignorant wife of an immigrant, while the husband might pass the reading and writing test. Senator Lodge himself made the motion that the conference report be disagreed to, and a new conference ordered, and that motion was agreed to without objection.

While this was pending Senator Carter, of Montana, remonstrated against the provision intended to exclude Canadian workmen as it would justify the Dominion of Canada in adopting drastic measures against the 10 000 American miners who found constant work and good wages in British Columbia.

The Nicaragua Canal bill was taken up and the remainder of the day's session was occupied by Senator Vilas in opposition to it, this being the fourth day of his speech. He insisted that the Nicaragua canal, if ever constructed, would have to be neutralized, as the Suez canal was. It should have for its sponsors, controllers and constructors the great nations of the earth whose commerce would pass through it. It was the duty of the United States not to declare absolutely all the laws and methods which should govern the project, but to proffer to the other nations the open hand of fair conference, to invite their reasonable suggestions and to unite with them in the reasonable provision for its construction and maintenance. The first duty of the United States was to have a careful survey of all the available routes and to have a plan prepared. And the next step should be to confer with Great Britain, in accordance with treaty stipulations, with Germany and with France, and to establish the canal on such a foundation as that peace would bless it forever as the great agency of commerce swelling around the globe.

Without concluding his speech Senator Vilas yielded for a motion to proceed to executive business, and at 6 p. m. the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The consideration of the bill making appropriations for the expenses of the District of Columbia for the year ending June 30, 1898, engaged the attention of the House to-day to the exclusion of almost all other business, and at adjournment it was still the unfinished business.

The further conference asked by the Senate upon the Immigration bill was agreed to, and Messrs. Danford of Ohio, Republican, Wilson of South Carolina, Democrat, and Bartholt of Missouri, Republican, were re-appointed conferees.

At 5 10 p m. the House adjourned until to-morrow.

SWINDLER CONVICTED.

Edward Gay White, of Richmond, Va., in Baltimore, Md.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 3.—Edward Gay White, of Richmond, Va., was found guilty to-day in the Criminal Court of the larceny of $1,000 from Horatio Dalton Newcomb, of New-York. Judges Harland and Wyckes sat in the case without a jury, and both were on the bench to-day when the decision was rendered. White's counsel made a motion for a new trial. Sentence was suspended. White was charged with stealing $6 000 from Newcomb last November. His defence was that the money constituted a partnership fund, and that he could not, therefore, be convicted of larceny for any disposition which it would make of it.

WARM WIRELETS.

Coin $122 984 762; currency $57 235, 778.

John Brown, in a fit of jealousy yesterday shot and killed his sweet heart, Ellen Titworth, in Wise county, Virginia. Brown then shot himself.

William H. Crawford and William C. Crawford, trading as William Crawford & Co., Baltimore, Md., wholesale dealers in spices, etc., have made an assignment. The members of the firm assigned individually. The assets are estimated at $100 000, with liabilities considerably above that figure.

Mass & Schartz, cotton commission merchants, and S. Mass & Co., at Selma, Ala., kindred firms, doing a wholesale grocery business, made an assignment, naming M. S Smith as assignee. Liabilities, $300,000. The creditors are New York banks who re-discounted paper for the defunct Commercial Bank of Selma, the failure of which necessitated the assignment. Assets not given.

The statement of the Norfolk & Western railway company for December, 1896, shows gross earnings of $984 091, an increase over December 1895 of $103 767: net earnings $314,727, an increase of $110 789; for the three months ended December 31, 1896, the gross earnings were $2 780,674, a decrease of $14 974, compared with the corresponding period of 1895; net earnings $772,846, increase of $184,771.

Secretary Herbert has directed that no further proceedings be taken in the case of Commander Royal B. Bradford, who was navigating the Montgomery when she was injured in New York harbor off Castle William, January 12 A court of inquiry which considered the case three days later found that no blame could be attached to any one on board the ship which was properly navigated at the time she struck some unknown object.

RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET

BUTLER'S ATTACK ON GOVERNOR RUSSELL AND THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Mewborne to Be Commissioner of Agriculture—An Alleged Murderer in Jail.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 4.

J. M. Mewborne will be Commissioner of Agriculture. This information comes from Senator McCasky.

Henry Wall, who was shot Saturday night near Wake Forest, died this morning from the wounds he received. Groves, who shot Wall, is in prison.

Harry Skinner sent his attack on Butler to Editor Ramsay, of the *Progressive Farmer*, to know if he would publish it. Ramsey sent word to Skinner that he was beyond the pale of civilization and a political outlaw. He also told him that he and Mark Hanna did not have money enough to have it put in the *Progressive Farmer*.

Senator Butler contributes an editorial in this week's *Caucasian*, over his own signature, accusing Governor Russell of having acted double with the Populist majority. The Senator writes plainly and the article is such as to necessarily call for a reply from the Governor.

This remarkable article from the pen of Senator Butler, is a column and a half long. In substance it says:

"When the Republican caucus was refusing, or rather neglecting from day to day to answer the courteous, but plain and direct inquiry from the People's party caucus as to whether or not they intended to keep and carry out in good faith their co-operative contract with our organization, Governor Russell professed to be extremely anxious that his party should stand by the contract. He assured every member of the People's party caucus who went to see him that not only good faith on the part of the Republican caucus demanded that they should keep their contract with our organization, but he also said that he considered it absolutely necessary for this to be done to insure the enactment of such legislation as would set aside the lease of the North Carolina Railroad, and effect other remedial legislation. He also assured each member of our caucus who went to see him that he would throw the whole weight of his influence and administration.

"But days passed on and still the Republican caucus failed to give us an answer, and by their conduct showed that they were purposely delaying and dodging. When the third official communication from our caucus was sent to the chairman of the Republican caucus, courteously asking a clear and decisive answer—yes or no—by a certain time, as to whether or not they would keep their contract with us in good faith, the Republican organization refused to even hold a caucus to consider and give answer to the communication from the People's party caucus. And strange to say, no protest was made by even a respectable minority of the Republican caucus to such discourteous, not to say insulting, conduct on the part of the Republican organization

"Now, where was Governor Russell's powerful influence during all of this time? Did he ever appear before a Republican caucus and urge them to keep good faith, not only in the interest of political morals, but also in the interest of important legislation, which he is on record as favoring? If not, did he even send for any prominent members of the Republican caucus and urge upon them his views and desires? If so, what became of their efforts and influences?

"While the Republican caucus was playing for time, and refusing to even communicate its intentions or desires to our caucus in a courteous manner, though frequently requested to do so and while the Governor was professing to throw all of his weight and influence in favor of keeping the contract and carrying it out in good faith, two bills were introduced into the House, which may throw some light on the action of the Governor and the Republican caucus.

"One of these bills is to repeal the charter of the Eastern Insane Asylum at Goldsboro, abolish all of the offices that now exist, to create a new charter with new offices, or rather with same offices and new names, and put into the hands of the Governor the power to dictate and fill all of the officess of the same. The other bill relates to the penitentiary, and is to the same effect; that is, it places into the hands of the Governor all of the positions of trust and profit in that institution to be used, no doubt, for the purpose of rewarding friends and punishing enemies.

"Why were these bills introduced while the Republican caucus was playing for time, and refusing to give us an answer? How did the Governor hope to pass these bills, putting into his hands such a great amount of patronage and power unless the contract of co-operation between the Republican organization and the People's party organization was kept in good faith, and the caucuses of the respective parties should give their approval to the bills?

"We have been informed that the Governor held several conferences with the bolters before these bills were introduced, and he no doubt got their approval of the same. Then, is it not clearly the purpose of the Governor to secure the passage of these bills by the votes of the Republican members of the Legislature, aided and abetted by the bolting Populists? Is this the Governor's purpose? Is it possible that when we thought he was appealing to his party to stand by the contract, and appealing to the bolters to at least behave themselves, that he was in reality entering into a deal with this unholy combination to rush through the General Assembly these and other similar measures, and take from our caucus any voice as to the control or management of these and other State institutions, and to place into his hands the entire management and control of the same? It is painful to us to be forced to believe that the Governor has acted double in this matter, but the fact seems to warrant the sickening conclusion.

"We understand that other similar bills have already been drawn applying to the other State institutions, and besides, that other bills are already drawn to be introduced which creates new offices at big salaries to be paid by the tax payers, and that the appointment of these new offices is to be placed in the hands of the Governor.

"We have always heard that the Governor was a man who loved power, but it is shocking to think that a man elevated to the exalted position of Governor should be so blinded with the love of power as to drive him to methods so questionable, and to an extent so shocking to the welfare and interest of the State.

"We understand that within the last week the Governor has sent for certain members of the People's party caucus and tried to tempt them to break their loyalty to their party and its principles, by tendering them some of the jobs that he expects to be placed in his hands by the vote of this unholy and infamous combination. In fact, we have heard that it is the Governor's purpose to have himself clothed with unlimited power in defiance of and in violation of the co-operative contract between his party and ours, and then to use his patronage and power, thus secured by such unjustifiable means, to build up a 'Russell-administration party' in the State.

"In fact, if the above is the true situation, as we are forced unwillingly to believe that it is, then the Governor has employed the help of the bolters who have betrayed their party, and the Republicans who have broken their contract to clothe him with the patronage and power to be used in disrupting and destroying the Peoples' party organization, if enough members of our caucus can be found to accept the ill gotten gain which he has to distribute.

"It is unnecessary to say that not a single true Populist in the Legislature or in the State will accept patronage or favors coming from such a deal. When the Governor accepts this power and patronage at the hands of the bolters and unholy combine, he endorses their infamous conduct and insults the People's party organization. When he does this, then in the future his course is in one direction and ours is in another. And if any Populist accepts any patronage or favors from the Governor in the face of these facts, he will be willfully and knowingly betraying his party and bartering his principles to get the job, and will be repudiated by the people, just as they have repudiated and branded the treachery and betrayal of Skinner and the seventeen Mark Hanna bolters. Let every Populist member of the Legislature stand on the floor in the House and Senate and denounce and brand these bills by which the bolters hope to get their booty, and by which the Governor and the Republican machine hope to demoralize and destroy the People's party at home. Be on your guard and watch closely and keenly the developments at Raleigh for the next few weeks."

There was none w influence introduced into the dry goods market yesterday strong enough to change its general character. Prices remain unchanged in all departments.

Where We Differ From England.

"Any man of an observant turn who visits England can't help but notice the different ways they have from the people of this country in the construction of houses, bridges, vehicles and implements of every kind," said Dr. C. L. Phelps of Boston.

"The Englishmen go in for durability beyond everything else. I went into a concern that makes agricultural machinery after the pattern of a well known house in the United States. I couldn't help but contrast the British and American makes, and saw in them the characteristics of the two nations. An English harvester was big and heavy and clumsy. I told the owner that we wouldn't have such, for it would kill our horses to draw it. He smiled and said with proud emphasis, 'But it will last 25 years.'

"Right here is where we are smarter than our cousins across the sea. A Yankee farmer doesn't want a machine that will wear a quarter of a century, for he knows that in two or three years a greatly improved one will be on the market and his implement will be obsolete. The English seem to take no account of this, and whatever they build is for a generation. In this way they have been distanced in many lines of manufacturing by their American competitors, but that doesn't affect their system in the least, and they will keep on imagining theirs the superior policy."—Washington Star.

Camphor.

The camphor laurel, from which the greater part of the camphor of commerce is produced, is a native of China, Japan, Formosa and Cochin-China. It is a hardy, long lived tree and sometimes grows to a great size. It has evergreen leaves, yellowish white flowers in panicles and is a very ornamental tree, the trunk running up to a height of 20 or 30 feet before branching. The fruit is very much like a black currant.

In the extraction of camphor the wood is first cut into small chips, and the chips are put into water in a still and steamed. The head of the still is filled with straw, and as the steam carries off the camphor in vapor it is deposited in little grains around the straw.

The crude camphor is then heated in a vessel, from which the steam is allowed to escape through a small aperture. The camphor sublimes in a semitransparent cake. In the manufacture of camphor the tree is necessarily destroyed, but by a rigid law of the lands in which the tree grows another is planted in the place of every one that is cut down. The wood is highly valued for carpenter's work.

Camphor was unknown to the Greeks and Romans and was first brought to Europe by the Arabs.—Philadelphia Times.

Kleptomania.

A well dressed, middle aged woman, living in a tony neighborhood and the wife of a man earning $15,000 per year, was arrested for stealing a 10 cent bottle of perfumery from a New York store the other day, and on searching her they found gloves, hosiery, a dress pattern, laces, hairpins, cakes of soap, ribbons, silverware, photographs and books—50 different articles in all, but the whole not amounting to the value of $15. We ridicule the idea of kleptomania, and yet what could possess such a woman to pick up all that cheap stuff as a shoplifter when she had $200 in her purse to buy what she wanted? She simply saw and coveted, and the covetous feeling outweighed all the dangers of detection and loss of social position.—Detroit Free Press.

The Gokstad Ship.

The second oldest sailing craft in the world is the so called Gokstad ship, a viking craft which was discovered in a sepulchral mound on the shores of Christiania fiord and is now exhibited in a wonderfully perfect state of preservation in Christiania. It is a craft of the ninth century, A. D., and is therefore nearly 1,000 years old.

"Do at Rome as Romans do" is credited to no less an authority than St. Augustine, who advised a convert, doubtful about the propriety of some custom observed at Rome, to do as other people did.

Sour discontent that quarrels with our fate may give fresh smart, but not the old abate. The uneasy passion's disingenuous wit the ill reveals, but hides the benefit.—Blackmore.

A patent for the manufacture of wood paper, or paper made from the pulp of wood, was issued in England in 1853 and in America a year later.

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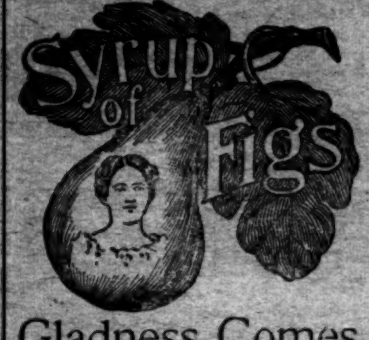
Bill—Yep.

Jim—Then git out de Roentgen camerer an we'll see wot's inside de vault afore we goes any furder.—Denver Post.



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